

REMARKS

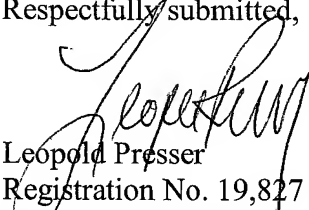
Upon further consideration of the Examiner grounds of rejection in the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, and in order to fully place the application into order for allowance, applicant herewith submits a Supplemental Amendment, wherein Claims 9 and 12, which were deemed to be directed to allowable subject matter in the Office Action have been resubmitted as new Claims 24 and 25 respectively in independent form.

In particular, in view of the Office Action, noting the allowability of Claims 9 and 12, applicant respectfully submits that the claims being submitted herewith more clearly set forth the inventive subject matter of Claims 9 and 12 when rewritten in independent form, as requested in the Office Action.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, and inasmuch as all of the remaining claims, except the claims which have been previously withdrawn, have been placed into allowable format, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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